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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Renata B. Hesse,

I oppose the Microsoft Settlement. It is far too weak and does not protect innovation from the stifling effect of Microsoft's monopoly, nor does it protect consumers from Microsoft's pricing.

Instead I suggest that all vendors of computer equipment which is to be supplied with Microsoft software be required to offer the same equipment without Microsoft's software and that they be required to offer the same software to anyone at the price difference between the hardware supplied with Microsoft's software and without.

This will prevent Microsoft from exploiting their market position to force vendors to keep better and cheaper solutions away from their customers.

Sincerely,
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